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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 22, 2002, please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows:

## In the Title:

Please delete the title, and insert therefore "USING SOFTWARE OBJECTS TO COMMUNICATE WITH HARDWARE DEVICES".

## In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 12, line 13 with the following:

In one embodiment of the invention, each of the RAID objects 30a includes methods 32, properties 34 and events 36, which are consistent with the particular hardware features these objects 30a model. In Figure 7, for example, the controller object 100 includes a method 102, used to reset the controller of the RAID hardware devices 17a. Likewise, the controller

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